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FOURTH DEATH FROM MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT

George Critchet Died at 11.50 O'clock
Last Tuesday Morning at the
Deming Ladies' Hospital

RELATIVES WERE AT BEDSIDE

Had Been Employed as Linotype
Operator on Deming Papers, in
Silver City, and in El Paso

George Critchet died at the local hospital at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon as the result of injuries received last Thursday evening when the automobile that he was driving was ground to pieces under the wheels of a switching Santa Fe train at the Gold avenue crossing. Mr. Critchet is the fourth victim of the terrifying accident to die, the three Vallandigham sisters, Louise, Edna, and Sophrona, being almost instantly killed, and their father, E. R. Vallandigham, editor of the Deming Headlight, painfully injured. Mr. and Mrs. Critchet, parents of George Critchet, and Cecil Critchet, a brother, were at the bedside when the end came. Until an internal hemorrhage developed, it was thought that the injuries, though terrible, might not prove fatal because of the remarkable vitality of Mr. Critchet.

The deceased was a linotype operator employed on the Deming Headlight. He had worked on the Deming Graphic, Silver City Enterprise, and in various printing plants in El Paso. He was 25 years old.

The death is the culmination of a tragedy that has shocked the community as nothing else has in the history of the city. Everyone knew the victims of the accident with that intimacy that is possible in the small town. Whatever in eulogy was said of the Vallandighams applies equally to Mr. Critchet, who was at all times an industrious and conscientious worker.

The funeral of Mr. Critchet was held at 2:30 o'clock at the Rawson undertaking establishment on Silver avenue. The Rev. Hugh T. Mitchell more preached the funeral sermon. The Rev. E. C. Morgan, the Rev. S. R. McClure, and the Rev. Theodore Platt assisted. Burial was made in the local cemetery.

Ely Clark, A. J. Douglas, H. S. Gehlert, J. K. Moo, and O. F. Burris, all of Silver City, were week-end visitors in Deming.

D. A. Smith of Morenci, Ariz., was in Deming Friday.

A. D. Cooper of the Mimbres Hot Springs was a week-end visitor in the city.

C. M. Cotton, father of C. N. Cotton, manager of the United Land and Water Company, arrived in Deming last week from his home in Gallup for a short visit with his son. The visitor is the head of Gallup's leading mercantile firm. He freely expressed the opinion that Deming had great possibilities for the making of a large city in the no distant future.

C. N. Cotton, manager of the United Land and Water Company, departed Friday evening for Los Angeles, Cal., on business connected with the company he represents here.

Louis Dornbusch, who has been on a business and pleasure trip to New York City since October, returned to Deming the end of the week.

Fred Bernstein and Mason J. Kelly motored from Silver City to Deming Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Duffers of Hurley was in the city Sunday.

Eddie Miller of Albuquerque, was in the city Monday enroute to Lordsburg.

J. T. Anton of Hurley was a visitor in the city Sunday.

Mrs. D. M. Bray of Muskogee, Okla., was in Deming Monday.

J. B. Seale of Douglas, Ariz., was in Deming Sunday.

J. S. VAUGHT WAS APPOINTED ASSIST. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

J. S. Vaught was appointed assistant district attorney for the first judicial district, the appointment taking effect February 1. He took up his new duties at once. Mr. Vaught will remain a member of the law firm of Vaught and Watson.

Mr. Vaught is considered one of the leading young attorneys of Deming, and his honor is considered a fair recognition of his ability.

Fred Taylor of Princeton, Ky., arrived in Deming last week to visit his brother, Prof. J. B. Taylor and family.

Z. E. Richardson Dead

Z. E. Richardson, 32 years old, died at 7 o'clock Thursday evening at the home on Lead avenue. He had been ill for five years, and came to Deming as a health seeker about two years ago from Bowling Green, Ky. His widow survives him.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Methodist church, the Masonic Order, Deming Lodge No. 12, will have charge of the services. The Rev. E. C. Morgan will preach the funeral sermon. Burial will be in the local cemetery.

Mrs. Olie Hawkins Dead

Mrs. Olie Hawkins, 45 years old, died at 11:30 o'clock Monday night at the Wing Tent Cottages. Her home was at Slater, Mo., where her body was sent Tuesday night for burial. Her husband accompanied the body. W. C. Rawson had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pond Dead

Mrs. Elizabeth Pond died at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home of her son, R. S. Pond, six miles west of the city. She was 77 years old. Death was due to the infirmities of age.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Pond will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Rawson undertaking establishment. The Rev. J. D. Henry will preach the funeral sermon.

J. P. McMurray of Albuquerque was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

James S. Kerr sold a Ford touring car the first of the week to A. J. Phillips of Tunis.

Mrs. T. F. Ryan, wife of Capt. Ryan, was a week-end visitor from Columbus.

Dr. C. W. Cummings of Columbus was a week-end visitor in Deming.

Mrs. C. R. Rogers of Columbus came to Deming the last of last week to enter the local hospital for treatment. Finding the hospital full to capacity, her physician, Dr. S. D. Swope, found temporary accommodations for her elsewhere.

S. F. Coffin and daughter of Hondale were Deming visitors Saturday.

Sam Johnson and J. W. Sharp of Tunis were Deming visitors Saturday.

Billy McCurdy, son of W. N. McCurdy, was on the sick list the end of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fort passed through the city Friday enroute from Hurley, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bostie, of Lordsburg.

Harvey Kelly was shot through the foot when his 22 caliber rifle was accidentally discharged Saturday morning. He is the son of G. B. Kelly, manager of the local Singer sewing machine office, and is 16 years old. At the time the accident occurred the boy was handling his gun in the back yard of the Kelly home on S. Gold avenue. The wound is not considered to be serious.

Mrs. George Longest of Miesse and her daughter, Miss Edith Longest, came to Deming Saturday morning. They departed in the evening for Long Point, Ill., where Mr. Longest has been for the past five months.

Mrs. Longest and her daughter will remain in Long Point indefinitely.

Clarence Bowman, whose home is in Johnstown, N. Y., is receiving treatment at the local hospital.

THREE VALLANDIGHAM SISTERS ARE BURIED

Funeral Services Were Held at 11
O'clock Last Sunday Morning
at the Methodist Church

THE REV. MORGAN PREACHED

Practically Entire Population Followed
Victims of and Accident
to the Local Cemetery

The funerals of the Misses Louise, Edna, and Sophrona Vallandigham, 19, 16, and 13 years old, respectively, daughters of Editor E. R. Vallandigham of the Deming Headlight and Mrs. Vallandigham, who were killed Thursday evening in an automobile accident, were held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the Methodist church. The Rev. E. C. Morgan preached the funeral sermon. Practically the entire population of the city followed the bodies to the local cemetery where one large grave had been prepared. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

The floral offerings were as follows: The Headlight force, the Graphic force, Mimbres Valley Council No. 2181 Knights and Ladies of Security, board of education and the superintendent of schools, Methodist Epworth League, Methodist church, Methodist Sunday school classes, the Florence Mills Canteen, the Deming High School senior class and faculty, the Deming High School juniors, sophomore, and freshman classes, court house officials, grade school teachers, Philathea class of the Methodist church, Deming High School class of 1914, Miss Goebel's room, H. Nordhaus and Sons Company, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. C. Raithel, B. McKee and Miss Faye McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Larson, Florence Dines, Robert L. Miller, Mrs. Rosie B. Terrill and Dora E. Terrill, Willis Perry, George Cable, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Raithel, Mr. and Mrs. H. Raithel, Mrs. M. B. Ament, Mrs. Sam Watkins, Mrs. Elliot, Miss Bertha Graham, H. F. Bishop, and the chamber of commerce.

FUNERAL SERMON

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable—1 Cor. 15, 19.

A calamity of unutterable misery has fallen upon us, in "this life." Seen from this side we are one with the worst of human woes. But seen by faith, from the other side, three untarnished and immortal spirits are free, in the Kingdom of our Christ. If this hope is false, then we, all Christendom, all men, are without hope. We, specially the broken-hearted parents, one, himself, out of the grind of cruel wheels by a Providence, declares we see light through the darkness.

Three classes of calamity befall man: Nature's forces, impersonal, irresponsible, the "acts of God," in flood or quake, sweep us away to destruction. Man's forces, inextricably bound up with those of Nature, accidental, partial in responsibility, remotely connected in social and industrial relations, interdependent in culpability, are no less destructive, in "Eastland," and suchlike, disasters. Third: Man purposefully directs his own and Nature's forces, with criminal malice. It is the function of law to locate this calamity in this scale. As for the ultimate relation of God to these things, in the judgment and faith of we finite creatures, let us remember, no idea of right, no judgment of love, by which we would presume to judge Him, can arise in our created minds, but owes origin, for all its good, to the mind of Him "who doeth all things well."

Calamity delivers its blows upon the body, the mind, and the soul of man, affecting him individually and socially carrying its far-reaching effects through time into eternity.

The three sisters, crushed and broken in body, we know by daily intimate relationships, were unblemished of soul. We know them in our communities, 19 years old, 16 years old, yes, and 13 years old, girls, whole and fair in physical being, but dark of mind, and in soul, crushed and broken, even as these bodies, beneath these flowers. In the final analysis of calamity, we need to

fear, not the wreck of the body so much, as we should dread the wreck of the soul. We may lose all that this life stands for, as do our dear friends, and, save for earthly record and eternal life, the untarnished and imperishable soul. Or, we may delude ourselves into thinking we save all the tawdry toys of this life, and veritably lose them and eternal life as well. Our natures, perverted, can successfully resist even this shock.

Uphaved by calamity, comes to the surface the worst and the best in men's hearts. Men must be shot looting the dead of California flood. However, the cream rises upon "the milk of human kindness" now. Sympathy is keen; willing hands stretch out to help; friendliness overleaps false barriers. The coldness, selfishness, prejudice, and apathy are checked. We know something of the pain of Europe. Sorrow is more real to us than it is in the usual observation of its woes. Ordinarily, we pass as unconcerned from distress to our fun, as we read on the face of a daily paper within the same glance of a sinking ship and of a fancy dress ball. Causes of agony stand out in the focus of the fleeting minute, as all our hearts stand still. Let us keep alive our sympathy and fellow-feeling. Let us keep the vision of the life peopled by the dear dead—the eternally alive. Let us guard the death fraught agencies within our keeping lest a golden-haired lot lie beneath our wheel, a stalwart breadwinner be broken, a lover, gone.

Hope in calamity? What says Nature, that caricature of Nature of valid and anemic minds? No hope, save to return to elemental dust, to grass, to ox, and thus to man again. What says man? His skill did its best to restore; but man alone defies destruction today. Our hope is in Christ, resurrected and reigning, proven power of best and mightiest lives and noblest Book, most stable of historic facts. The father, out of racked heart, the mother, out of numb life, hope in Him. The girls themselves: Louise, studying last Sunday, in her Sunday school; Edna, singing of the "Dear Little Stranger," as a solo, in her Epworth League; Phrona, beloved in her day-school of many friends, lived the Christlike.

EXPECT ANOTHER GERMAN DRIVE AT CALAIS SOON

Expectation of another German attempt to blast a way to Calais, using masses of infantry and artillery, is indicated by London press comment. Intense artillery activity along the Franco-Belgian front may presage another important offensive movement in this field by one side or another.

Berlin indicates that the French may have a plan in view to recoup their losses of territory near Nennville, which they sustained recently, as their artillery fire in this sector is reported as increasingly heavy.

The Germans are continuing their submarine activities in the North sea, according to a dispatch from The Netherlands recording the torpedoing of the Dutch motor vessel Artemis. The Artemis reached port in a leaking condition.

G. C. Critchet, father of George Critchet who is receiving treatment at the local hospital for injuries received in an automobile accident last week, arrived in Deming the first of the week from Arkansas.

Miss Coranne Queen of Myndus was taken before Judge Colin Neblett Tuesday for examination regarding her sanity. She was sent to the asylum for the insane at Las Vegas Wednesday.

Miss Vera Vastine, the Redpath lyric representative, spent several days in Deming.

Thomas Searle of Hondale made a business trip to the city Wednesday.

F. H. Flowers, formerly of Hurley, will open a barber shop in the Commercial hotel on Feb. 20.

Mrs. C. W. Franklin departed for Chicago, St. Louis and other eastern points Thursday.

Miss Grace Powe of Silver City stopped over in the city Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Foulks. Miss Powe teaches school in Morenci, Ariz., and was enroute there from her home in Silver City.

CHAMBER COMMERCE LISTING FARM LANDS

Committee Finished With City and is
Today in the Country Contracting
for Large Body of Land

PLAN ATTRACTED ATTENTION

Flood of Inquiries Being Received
Indicates That Free Land Idea
is Being Fully Appreciated

The board of directors of the Deming Chamber of Commerce have fairly launched their plan for inducing settlement on the farming lands of the Mimbres Valley through the giving away of a limited acreage to actual settlers who are prepared to place it in cultivation. During the past week the members of the board have been in daily session, putting the plan in workable form. Two contracts have been approved and printed. One is the contract between the Deming Chamber of Commerce with the land owners of the valley; the other a contract between the Deming Chamber of Commerce and the settlers. The organization under these contracts is the sole arbiter between land owners and settlers, and all provisions of the contracts are to be carried out under the direction of the civic body.

Yesterday a committee consisting of Arthur Raithel, J. G. Cooper, C. H. Hon, O. E. Bailey, and Carl Pough was appointed and is in the country today listing the lands held by the farmers. Practically all the business men of the city have already listed their lands. It is hoped that before the end of the week representatives of the chamber of commerce will be in the great agricultural sections of the country presenting the plan to prospective settlers.

The plan has already attracted widespread interest because of its unique character. The secretary of the chamber of commerce is kept busy answering the flood of inquiries being received from those that would take advantage of the free lands offered.

Wednesday Bridge Club

Miss Thresa Clark entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club at the home of Mrs. J. A. Mahoney on Copper avenue. Mrs. A. W. Pollard made the highest score. Miss Clark served delicious refreshments following the games, and the club members enjoyed the afternoon greatly.

We Are Twelve Club

Mrs. C. H. Hon was to have entertained the We Are Twelve Club yesterday afternoon, but on account of the funeral of George Critchet, she postponed the entertainment until tomorrow afternoon. Five guests have been invited.

Friday Bridge Club

Mrs. Frank Thurmond will entertain the Friday Bridge Club this afternoon at her home on Pine street.

Ladies' Social Circle

The Ladies' Social Circle of the Presbyterian church will hold a Valentine social next Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. G. Moir on Pine street. Uncle Sam will establish a branch post office that evening at the Moir home, and each guest will receive a valentine. A special musical program will be given. Following this refreshments will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Reed Fuller of Las Cruces registered in the city.

Bud Hobbs of Toyah, Texas, registered in the city Wednesday.

Capt. W. McK. Lambdin of the Fourth Field Artillery, motored to Deming from Nogales, Ariz., Wednesday and checked in at the Park garage.

Mrs. Whitney P. Mee of Santa Rita was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

W. D. Murray of Silver City arrived in Deming Wednesday for a brief visit.

Mrs. H. Pedersen of Hurley was in Deming Monday.

WILL OPEN SANITORIUM AT MYNDUS IN HOTEL TURNER

Dr. Pulley of Chicago is opening an up-to-date sanatorium at Myndus in the Hotel Turner. The building will be equipped after the most approved plans. In addition a first-class hotel will be maintained.

Servant in the House

Under the auspices of the Deming High School the William Owen Company will present "The Servant in the House," the evening of Feb. 8 at the Crystal theater. The play is Charles Rann Kennedy's masterpiece, and is today considered the greatest of the modern dramas in English. William Owen is one of the most popular actors in the East. He was long associated with Louis Morrison in "Faust." Miss Willie, who starred in "The Road to Happiness" plays the part of Martha in the present production.

The company played in Chicago in late September. To accommodate the crowds on the last day, four performances were given. There were seven in the company—every one an artist.

Missionary Society

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church postponed its meeting yesterday afternoon on account of the funeral of George Critchet. The society will meet next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church. An interesting program is being arranged for the meeting.

Jolly Five Hundred Club

Miss Faye McKee was hostess to the Jolly Five Hundred Club Thursday afternoon at her home on Spruce street. The guests of the club were Mrs. W. J. Wamel, Mrs. Pierce Hughes, and Mrs. J. H. McLaughlin.

Mrs. T. G. Upton made the highest score. The hostess served delicious refreshments following the games.

J. A. Club

Miss Rhynette Trowbridge entertained the J. A. Club last evening with the usual games, after which delightful refreshments were enjoyed.

L. A. Bland of Kansas City, Mo., stopped over in Deming the middle of the week enroute to Silver City.

The county commissioners have placed an order with the Deming nursery for 250 shade trees that will be set out this spring on the east side of the county court house.

Prof. C. W. Russell, physical director at the state college, accompanied by Mrs. Russell, arrived in the city Friday enroute to Silver City, where the college basketball team will play two games.

Ray Miesse, who recently reached Deming coming from Chicago, went to El Paso the first of the week to review a business course in one of the college there.

Mrs. L. L. McCallister and Roy McCallister of Red Mountain, who have been spending a short time in the city, returned to their home Wednesday morning.

H. L. Lucas of Iowa visited Deming Wednesday.

J. J. Coppinger of Hondale was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Martha Allard and her niece, Miss Ruth Cox, who have been visiting in Kansas City, Mo., and other points in the middle west for about two months returned to the city last Tuesday.

Mrs. W. H. Cox and Mrs. E. A. Lampshire of Hurley stopped over in the city Tuesday enroute to Morenci, Ariz.

W. E. Finn of Juno, Alaska, who has made headquarters in Deming of late, made a trip to the northern part of the state, returning to the city Tuesday.

S. S. Turner of Oakland, Cal., arrived here yesterday enroute from Silver City and arrived in the city Tuesday evening.

H. M. Lindley returned to Deming Tuesday from a visit to Silver City.

J. B. Hawkins of Slater, Mo., is visiting his wife at the Wing Tent Cottages.

Mrs. C. O. McLean of Clovis is a visitor in Deming.